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SENATE BILL 5418

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By Senators Roach, Oemig, Fairley, Eide, Clements, Schoesler, Carrell, Kauffman, Pflug and Kline

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1            AN ACT Relating to requiring statements of tax implications on  
2 ballot measures; and amending RCW 29A.36.071.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.36.071 and 2006 c 311 s 9 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) Except as provided to the contrary in RCW 82.14.036, 82.46.021,  
7 or 82.80.090, the ballot title of any referendum filed on an enactment  
8 or portion of an enactment of a local government and any other question  
9 submitted to the voters of a local government consists of three  
10 elements: (a) An identification of the enacting legislative body and  
11 a statement of the subject matter; (b) a concise description of the  
12 measure; and (c) a question. The ballot title must conform with the  
13 requirements and be displayed substantially as provided under RCW  
14 29A.72.050, except that the concise description must not exceed  
15 seventy-five words and must include a statement describing the amount  
16 the measure will increase or decrease taxes if the measure has tax  
17 implications; however, a concise description submitted on behalf of a  
18 proposed or existing regional transportation investment district may  
19 exceed seventy-five words. If the local governmental unit is a city or

1 a town, the concise statement shall be prepared by the city or town  
2 attorney. If the local governmental unit is a county, the concise  
3 statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county.  
4 If the unit is a unit of local government other than a city, town, or  
5 county, the concise statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting  
6 attorney of the county within which the majority area of the unit is  
7 located.

8 (2) A referendum measure on the enactment of a unit of local  
9 government shall be advertised in the manner provided for nominees for  
10 elective office.

11 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if another  
12 provision of law specifies the ballot title for a specific type of  
13 ballot question or proposition.

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